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MINUTES – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: COMMUNITY CENTER

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Pamela Lee, Pro-Tem Tommy Spell, Bobby Cox, Dondrea Geter, Steve Jones, Harry Lewis, and Thomas Lott.

1. **Invocation** – Jeff Floyd
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approve Minutes from 3/23 meeting** – Spell made the motion, Lott 2nd, unanimously approved.
4. **Approve Agenda** – Cox made the motion to approve, Jones 2nd, unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

5. **Walking track and asphalt reopen?** – Spell made a motion to keep the walking track and asphalt closed until the May 18th meeting, Lewis 2nd, unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

6. **Sean De Palma, MS, CPRP (Grants)** – can help the city get the information needed to get something started to help build and improve the community/city. Has sent over some questions for the council to answer, once complete will discuss further.
7. **Engineer discussions** -Last council meeting, it was voted to get quotes from some engineers to do some work on the drainage problems and the new well house in the city. Floyd stated that he got 2 quotes, one from Andrew Johnson with CMS and 2nd from Paul Christian with Roberts Civil Engineer. **Quotes are attached. After discussion, Geter made a motion to use Roberts Civil Engineer, Spell 2nd, unanimously approved.**
8. **Parking lot at Hitching Post Hardware and Stewart St.** – Floyd has talked to Lulu at the Hitching Post numerous times about the severity of the parking lot. Floyd got a quote from Hooks Construction, which is in town completing the LMIG project, and would like for them to fix the parking lot and finish paving Stewart Street from the railroad tracks to Lucille Ave. **Quote is attached. Spell made the motion to complete the request, Lewis 2nd, unanimously approved.**
9. **Part-time employee** – Due to the city not having the inmate detail, Floyd would like to hire 2 part-time employees to work 16 hours a week and after some time, will get the best and go down to 1 part-time. Will advertise on FB and take applications for 1 week. **Spell made the motion to accept, Lott 2nd, unanimously approved.**

10. New lawnmower – Floyd stated that the 2 lawnmowers the city currently has are in bad shape and are having to spend some money working on them. Has got a quote from Wesley & Sons in McRae for a Gravely 472 for &11,680.00. **Quote is attached. Spell made the motion to buy the lawnmower, Jones 2nd, unanimously approved.**

11. Garbage rates – Received an email stating that Republic is increasing their rates by .29 per can. Per contract, it is stated that it can be done within a 3-year period, but the increase will not go over 3%. The monthly bill will go up approx. \$86.00. **Spell made a motion for the city to absorb the increase and not go up on the citizens, Lott 2nd, unanimously approved.**

12. City Manager Report – report attached. Geter asked Floyd about speed bumps on E. Railroad. Floyd stated that speed bumps are being ordered.

13. Fire Report – report attached

14. Police Report – Report attached. For the month of March, the PD answer approx. 330 calls, issued 3 citations and done 8 reports.

- **Lott discussed the Chief of Police getting his vehicle to drive back home. After discussion, Lott made the motion that the Chief gets to drive to/from home in his PD vehicle, Spell 2nd, all approved except Cox and Jones opposed.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed) – no executive session

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM with Lott, Spell 2nd, unanimously approved.

Submitted By:



Marie Carrillo, City Clerk